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SUBJ: STRIKE AT AMINOIL

REF: KUWAIT 3247

1. AMINOIL STRIKE OCCURRED AS THREATENED SEPT 9. ABOUT 20 PER CENT OF WORK FORCE, MOSTLY SENIOR STAFF, APPEARED FOR WORK, BUT 80 PER CENT STAYED AWAY, EITHER SUPPORTING THE STRIKE OR AS RESULT OF INTIMIDATION. SINCE UNION MEMBERS REPRESENT ONLY ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF WORK FORCE, PRIMARY REASON FOR STRIKE EFFECTIVENESS BELIEVED TO BE INTIMIDATION.

2. COMPANY OFFICIALS INDICATE MANY WORKERS ARE BEING THREATENED TO KEEP THEM AWAY FROM WORK. COMPANY IS RECEIVING REASONABLE COOPERATION FROM POLICE FORCES, BUT FORCES ARE NOT VERY EFFECTIVE AND UNION IS ABLE CIRCUMVENT THEM IN MANY CASES. THERE IS ALSO GENERAL RELUCTANCE ON PART OF WORKERS TO REPORT THOSE WHO THREATEN THEM, BUT THERE WAS REPORT THAT TWO ARRESTS MADE.

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3. AL-SIYASSA AND KUWAIT TIMES CARRY ARTICLES INDICATING MINISTRY

LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS SUPPORT FOR COMPANY AND CRITICIZING
UNIONS. HOWEVER, STRIKE CONTINUES, SO FAR WITHOUT EITHER MINISTRY
OF LABOR OR UNIONS CONTACTING COMPANY.
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